

RECESS.

On motion of Senator Turney, the Senate recessed until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTER RECESS.

After recess the President laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for ascertaining and adjudicating certain claims against or in favor of the State for lands, titles to which are claimed to have emanated from the Spanish or Mexican government; to adjust and settle the rights of the State and the owners or claimants, respectively, of such lands, and if found valid, to confirm as against the State the right and title of such claimants or owners, and to provide for the patenting of the same when title thereto has been confirmed by suit or otherwise, and for the recovery thereof by the State when the claimant has no title thereto."

The bill was read second time, and

On motion of Senator Turner, was laid on the table subject to call.

SECOND HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following second House message was here delivered to the Senate:

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, August 30, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills, to wit:

House bill No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title XI, Chapter 6, Articles 402 and 406, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and to declare an emergency."

House bill No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for ascertaining and adjudicating certain claims against or in favor of the State for lands, titles to which are claimed to have emanated from the Spanish or Mexican government; to adjust and settle the rights of the State and the owners or claimants, respectively, of such lands, and if found valid, to confirm as against the State the right and title of such claimants or owners, and to provide for the patenting of the same when title thereto has been confirmed by suit or otherwise, and for the recovery thereof by the

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State when the claimant has no title thereto," with amendment.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

IN THE SENATE.

The President had read and referred the following House bills (see foregoing House message for captions):

House bill No. 19 referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

House bill No. 39 referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Lloyd (by request):

Senate bill No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the General Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, by adding thereto a provision allowing certain towns or villages to incorporate for free school purposes only."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1—
SIGNED.

The President gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read,

House Joint Resolution No. 1, constituting the Governor, Comptroller and Attorney General a board, and authorizing said board to make and enter into any agreement which in its judgment may be necessary in order to secure the return to the proper officials of the monies now in the custody of the First National Bank of Austin, Texas, and belonging to the State."

RECESS.

Senator Beaty moved that the Senate take a recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed, and the Senate recessed accordingly.

SEVENTEENTH DAY—CONTINUED.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Saturday, Aug. 31, 1901.

AFTER RECESS.

FIRST HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following first House message was here delivered to the Senate:

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, August 31, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills, to wit:

Senate bill No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act to give effect to Section VII, Article XI, of the Constitution, authorizing all counties and cities bordering on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico to construct seawalls and breakwaters, to issue bonds therefor, and levy a tax for the payment thereof," with amendments.

Senate bill No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of an act entitled 'An Act to redistrict the State into judicial districts, and fix the times for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' approved April 9, 1883; to amend an act entitled 'An Act to regulate the terms and fix the times for holding the district courts in the First Judicial District of Texas, composed of Jasper, Newton, Orange, Jefferson and Tyler counties, so as to change the terms in Tyler and Jefferson counties,' approved April 10, 1899; to create the Fifty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, to fix the times for holding court therein, and to provide for the appointment of a district judge and a district attorney for said Fifty-eighth Judicial District, and to validate all writs and other process heretofore issued out of the district court of said First Judicial District, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

Also that the House refuses to concur in the Senate amendments to Substitute House bill No. 4, and asks for the appointment of a Free Conference Committee, and appoints the following: Messrs. Morrow, McAnally, Kennedy of Limestone, Terrell of McLennan and Connally on the part of the House.

Also the House passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, relating to platform demands of the democratic party.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Potter:

Senate bill No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3, Chapter 75,

Laws of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, being the Grayson county road law."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Senator Savage:

Senate bill No. 24, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the maintenance, care and education of children who are deaf, dumb and blind."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 4 (REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS)

—REQUEST FOR FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
GRANTED.

Senator Savage called up the House message asking the Senate for a Free Conference Committee on Substitute House bill No. 4 (representative districts), and moved that the request be granted.

The motion prevailed, and

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 4 (REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS)

—FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NAMED.

The President announced the appointment on the part of the Senate of the following committee:

Senators Sebastian, Lipscomb, Savage, Staples and Wayland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 28—ON SECOND READING.

The President laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

House bill No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Cass county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners; and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties, and for working of county convicts upon the roads of said county; and providing for officers' fees and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and authorizing the working of county convicts partly upon the poor farm as well as upon the public roads, or partly upon both, in the discretion of the commissioners court; and making provisions applicable as far as practicable to convicts when worked on county farms; and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for the allowance of time for same, and fixing a penalty for violation of this act, and

repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Cass county; and to authorize the commissioners court of Cass county to create the office of superintendent of public roads and bridges for Cass county, and defining his duties, and providing for compensation of said superintendent, and prescribing bond to be given by said officer; providing that delinquent poll tax-payers shall be subject to three days' road duty; providing for the condemnation of any land needed for the widening, straightening, changing or draining of roads; providing for the taking of timber, gravel, earth, stone or other necessary material, and giving persons summoned to work on roads the right to be relieved as from the discharge of such duty on payment of specific sums of money herein stipulated, and to authorize and empower the said county of Cass to issue bonds for the construction and maintenance of public roads and highways within the said county, and to provide for a tax to create a sinking fund to pay same."

Bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(By unanimous consent.)

The following committee reports were made to the Senate:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, August 30, 1901.
Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 5, being a bill to be entitled "An Act apportioning the State of Texas into senatorial districts, naming the counties composing the same, and providing for the election of one Senator for each district,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
BEATY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, August 30, 1901.
Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 20, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to name the several counties composing the Fifty-first Judicial District, and to fix the time for holding the district courts therein, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
BEATY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, August 30, 1901.
Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 21, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Twenty-ninth and Forty-third Judicial Districts, to name the counties composing the same, to fix the times of holding the terms of district court therein, to provide for the extension and return of process issued out of said courts, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
BEATY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, August 30, 1901.
Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 18, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 406, Title XI, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to 'blind tigers,'"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
BEATY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, August 30, 1901.
Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Substitute Senate bill No. 3, being a bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for two years beginning September 1, 1901, and ending August 31, 1903, and for other purposes,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
BEATY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, August 31, 1901.
Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Roads, Brides and Ferries, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 23, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3, Chapter 75, Laws of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, being the Grayson county road law,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recom-

mendation that it *do* pass, and that it be not printed.

BEATY, Acting Chairman.

HOUSE BILL NO. 19—RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Senator Hanger

House bill No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for ascertaining and adjudicating certain claims against or in favor of the State for lands, titles to which are claimed to have emanated from the Spanish or Mexican government; to adjust and settle the rights of the State and the owners or claimants, respectively, of such lands, and if found valid, to confirm as against the State the right and title of such claimants or owners, and to provide for the patenting of the same when title thereto has been confirmed by suit or otherwise, and for the recovery thereof by the State when the claimant has no title thereto,"

Which had previously been referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office,

Was withdrawn from that committee and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

SENATE BILLS NOS. 6, 8 AND 19— SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read,

Senate bill No. 6, "An Act to permit owners of real estate sold to the State of Texas for taxes to redeem the same."

Senate bill No. 8, "An Act validating the incorporation for school purposes only of the town of Childress independent school district, heretofore incorporated as an independent school district in Childress county; validating the acts of the board of trustees thereof, and providing for the control of the public schools, and the erection and purchase of sites and school buildings therein, as now provided by law for independent school districts in towns and villages."

Senate bill No. 19, "An Act to validate the incorporation of the city of Athens, Henderson county, Texas."

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, August 31, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 19, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for ascertaining and adjudicating certain claims against or in favor of the State for lands, titles to which are claimed to

have emanated from the Spanish or Mexican government; to adjust and settle the rights of the State and the owners or claimants, respectively, of such lands, and if found valid to confirm as against the State the right and title of such claimants or owners, and to provide for the patenting of the same when title thereto has been confirmed by suit or otherwise, and for the recovery thereof by the State when the claimant has no title thereto,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass, and that it be not printed.

HANGER, Acting Chairman.

HOUSE BILL NO. 19—ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Senator Turner, the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lay over for one day was suspended and the Senate took up, out of its order,

House bill No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for ascertaining and adjudicating certain claims against or in favor of the State for lands, titles to which are claimed to have emanated from the Spanish or Mexican government; to adjust and settle the rights of the State and the owners or claimants, respectively, of such lands, and if found valid, to confirm as against the State the right and title of such claimants or owners, and to provide for the patenting of the same when title thereto has been confirmed by suit or otherwise, and for the recovery thereof by the State when the claimant has no title thereto,"

Reported this day from committee, for the purpose of considering the bill on its second reading.

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

ADJOURNMENT.

Senator Turney moved that the Senate stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, September 2.

The motion prevailed, and the Senate, at 11 o'clock a. m., accordingly adjourned.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Monday, Sept. 2, 1901.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

The roll was called, a quorum being